

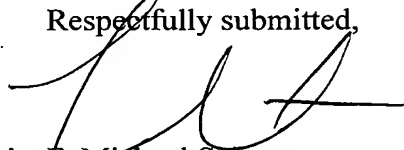
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 30, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, Claims 1-21, 41-66, drawn to water-dispersible polymer composition containing a core/shell polymer. Applicants have withdrawn Invention II, Claims 22-30, drawn to a method for improving viscosity through heat aging a core/shell dispersion, Invention III, Claims 31-40 drawn to a method for improving viscosity through reacting a core/shell dispersion with trimellitic anhydride, Invention IV, Claims 67 and 68, drawn to a water-dispersible polymer composition formed from a core polymer containing bulky alkyl substituted primary polyols; Invention V, Claim 69, drawn to a water-dispersible polymer composition formed from a core polymer containing poly(styrene-allyl alcohol); and Invention VI, Claim 70, drawn to a water-dispersible polymer composition formed from a core polymer containing a dendritic and hyper-branched polyester.. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

Applicants also hereby elect secondary hydroxyl groups, an isocyanate core polymer and being used as an adhesive.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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